

# DESERET NEWS: WEEKLY.

TRUTH AND LIBERTY.

WEDNESDAY, - Nov 24, 1875.

WE would commend to the courtesies of the Presiding Ministry and Bishops and all our friends in the Southern Settlements as far as Beaver, our General Travelling Agent, Elder Wm. Bramall; and to similar officials in Cache County—Elder Thomas Jones, who is our Travelling Agent in that part of the Territory.

## HE THINKS PALESTINE THEIR OBJECTIVE POINT.

DR. MANNING, general editor of the English Religious Tract Society, who has been travelling in Utah, says the *London Spectator*, reports that the "Mormons," weary of their quarrels with the United States authorities, are preparing for a new departure, and he is under the impression that they will select the valley of the oriental Jordan for their new settlement. Dr. Manning met "Mormon" pilgrims of high rank in Palestine, where they were universally believed to intend a settlement in the Holy Land. The Dr. says these pilgrims included "Mr G. A. Smith, Brigham Young's nephew and First Counsellor; Mr. F. Little, his Superintendent of Public Works; Mr. Snow, his Treasurer; and Mr. Jennings, Superintendent of Emigration," and gives the further information that "the Pasha himself was friendly to the project, and the Mahomedans of Syria considered the Mormons Christian sectaries, who had approximated towards themselves."

If the Dr. is no more accurate in his conjectures than in his descriptions of those "pilgrims," he is rather wide of the mark.

## A METHODIST BISHOP'S OPINION.

THE *Christian Union* has the following—

"Bishop Haven, has been taking a look at the 'human side of the Valley of Salt Lake,' and finds it far from attractive. He doubts that the Mormon women enjoy their polygamous faith. 'One peculiarity of this abomination,' says the bishop, 'is the visible superiority in numbers of girls over boys. I doubt the actual superiority. It looks as if they had fixed this in such shape for public effect, and also for their own ungodly ends. At the tabernacle in Ogden, four or five old men with gray beards led the singing, accompanied by fifteen girls from twelve to twenty years old. There were plenty of young men there, but they were not allowed to sing with the girls. That privilege was reserved for lecherous old men. The young men, it is reported, do not take to the system because they are not allowed the first pick. These rich and gray rascals select the Ruths for themselves, and leave the gleanings for the young men. The latter disdain to accept this choice, and either emigrate or refuse to marry. It is also said that the young ladies are getting averse to these relations, and are even disinclined to marry the young men of their own faith, because this faith gives them the power and privilege of adding to their wives at pleasure; and they will not trust to their vows to the contrary.' This system is fed mainly by immigration, as the bishop says, of 'animals brought from the lowest classes of Europe,' who hasten to embrace it greedily. The church of Jesus Christ, he says, 'alone can break up this hell of hells.' Fortunately it has not got entangled in the iniquity as it was in its 'twin-barbarism.' It stands, amidst this unspeakable horror, fair, pure, powerful. The Methodist church is a terror to these villains."

Perhaps it would be difficult to find a paragraph containing

greater amount of dense prejudice and pure lie than the one above quoted. Is the bearing of false witness against their "Mormon" neighbors an essential or an accident with the Methodist bishops?

## COMPELLED BY PUBLIC CLAMOR.

The Colorado *Chieftain* thinks public clamor will compel the Government to draw the reins tightly around the "Mormon" people. For the information of our Colorado contemporary we here present some of the results of the compulsion by public clamor in a former age—

"Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified."

"And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, Let him be crucified."

"When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it."

"Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us and our children."

"Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus he delivered him to be crucified."

## FEW HUSBANDS AND BAD HUSBANDS.

It has been a good deal complained of lately, that the men in the States east have manifested an increasing disinclination towards marriage. This of itself is a very unfavorable indication. But it also appears that some of those who are married are of very little account, being neglectful of and abusive and cruel to their wives and families. The *Cleveland, O., Herald* says—

"There is scarcely a day that reports are not received of cruel treatment of wives and children by drunken husbands and fathers, and quite often the circumstances are aggravating in the extreme. It is often better for a family to be without a husband than to have one whose presence is only the cause of trouble and the source of untold miseries."

This is a sad report, but we believe is far too common throughout a large part of the Union. Thus through the sparseness of husbands and the criminal abusiveness of husbands, many of the women in that portion of the Union east of the Rocky Mountains are obliged to do virtually without husbands, and are to be commiserated accordingly. Yet, with these ugly and stubborn facts before their eyes, certain parties are extremely angry with the men of Utah for generously stepping forth and endeavoring to make up for the lack of true husband-like qualities in their guilty fellow-citizens in the east! How strange this is! As husbands are undoubtedly scarce and many of them are of a very poor quality down towards the Atlantic, the nation ought to laud to the skies the men of this Territory who self-sacrificingly step forward in the noble endeavor to remedy the evils caused by the defections of many of the men in the eastern portions of the Union. The Scriptures say that "unto every one who hath [meaning, and doeth well with what he hath] shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath [meaning, and doth not properly appreciate and improve upon]."

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Viceroy or Khedive of Egypt is one of the most enterprising and progressive rulers of the day, and naturally enough he is a polygamist too. He has more regard for the cause of education than for his own personal vanity. For the erection of a monument to himself \$65,000 was subscribed. This is the sort of monument he chose—he used the money to found a public school at Alexandria.

The *Minneapolis Tribune*, in the course of a lengthy article in the same strain, says, "There is a certain class of newspapers which lives by this style of defamatory writing. They are utterly reckless in their

statements, have no regard for private character, no veneration for good and holy things, and no respect for exalted virtues and pure lives." Our Minnesota contemporary must have been wading through the strongly scented columns of the organs of the Salt Lake ring.

The New York *Herald* says that the carefully nourished legend that President Grant, during his occupancy of the presidential chair, has amassed a fortune of several millions of dollars, receives a cruel blow by the publication of the circumstance of a mortgage being given by the President to secure a loan of \$10,000.

Now the astrologers are working on him. The N. Y. *Herald* says an astrologist recently concluded a lecture by casting the horoscope of President Grant. "On the wall behind the platform was stretched an enormous chart, on which was delineated a large stellar figure, liberally peppered over with mysterious signs. In the centre was a square, inside of which was inscribed, 'April 27, 1822, 6 A. M.' This chart, the lecturer explained, showed the precise position of all the heavenly bodies that make or mar men's fortunes at the time named, which was the hour when President Grant was born. From the relation of the planets to each other, as indicated on the chart, the Professor foretold a great many interesting things, but, perhaps, the most startling of all was the prediction that from the 4th day of March next the power and influence of General Grant will begin to dwindle."

A national convention has been called to be held at St. Louis, Nov. 23, in the interest of a proposed new railway to the Pacific coast—the South-East Pacific Railway. The proposed railroad is to have seven radiating branches eastward, with seven terminal points on the Mississippi River, or the Gulf of Mexico, these seven branches to converge to one convenient point in Western Texas, and thence to continue in one grand trunk line to the Pacific Ocean. California, Arizona, New and Old Mexico, Indian Territory, Arkansas, Missouri, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, and other near States are particularly interested in this road and its branches. It is expected that the road will be completed to Fort Worth, Texas, the present year, whence to San Diego, on the Pacific, 1,457 miles will remain to be completed by extensive corporate or co-operative enterprise.

## Local and Other Matters.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, NOV. 13.

**Stormy.**—Another thoroughly rainy night and morning passed.

**A Lengthy Spell.**—Now we have had about two days and two nights of rain on and off, but on most of the time.

**Western Mail Late.**—The Western mail is seventeen hours behind time. The delay is occasioned by a land slide on the Central Pacific road.

**Heavy Storm.**—On Sunday night our city was visited by a very heavy storm of rain, snow and sleet, accompanied by thunder and lightning. It continued at intervals all night, in fact it has stormed more or less for the past week.—*Utah County Times*, Nov. 16.

**Theatrical.**—It is stated that Prof. St. Jean, having received his wardrobe and properties from the East, will give another entertainment in the Theatre, in conjunction with the baritone singer, Mr. J. W. McKenzie, Nov. 24, Thanksgiving eve.

**Waste of Time.**—"Windsor," writing to the *Omaha Bee* from this city, Nov. 11, says—

"I venture to assert that the scenes that have been witnessed this week in the Federal Court House in this city are unparalleled in the history of American jurisprudence, and that nowhere else would a judge permit a man to be challenged on account of his religious belief, and waste two days in permitting counsel the utmost latitude in examining witnesses on this point."

**A Bad Case.**—This morning a girl about seventeen years of age was found by the police, in a cellar on Commercial St., in a state of semi-nudity, asleep. She was

aroused and taken to the City Hall, when she stated that she lived with a family, the head of which worked at one of the smelters adjacent to the city. She refused to tell how she came to be in the plight in which she was found, but she had evidently been in bad company and had been drinking. She was allowed to go at liberty on promising she would return to her home.

**Not So.**—The *Omaha Bee* says it has taken pains to investigate the statement in the *Ogden Junction* that General Superintendent Clark, of the U. P. R. R., had ordered the discharge of several employees of the road because they were "Mormons," and the *Bee* is authorized to contradict the report. All dismissals are for incompetency or necessary temporary reduction. No discontinuance on account of religion or nationality has been or will be made.

The *Junction* says it gave the report as received, and disclaims fabrication of it.

**Amateur Theatricals.**—Last evening the Nineteenth Ward Amateur Dramatic Association gave an extra performance at the School-house, for the benefit of the Sunday school. Although a miserable night outside, the hall was well filled with people, who all seemed to enjoy the entertainment.

The plays selected were "A Kiss in the Dark," followed by the "nigger" sketch of "The Black Doctor," and concluding with "That Rascal Pat."

Messrs. Frank Hudson and A. A. Hovey were very clever, and Mr. R. Noales played commendably. Between the pieces some capital songs were sung by a new arrival from old England, Mr. R. Solomon. Credit is due Manager A. A. Hovey.

**Coming to Stay.**—Yesterday we were called upon by our friend, Dr. Munro, of bath celebrity, who purposes shortly to sell out his splendid establishment in San Francisco and take up his permanent abode in Salt Lake, having about completed arrangements with this City to lease the Warm Springs, which he purposes to completely metamorphose, introducing there, besides the ordinary sulphur bath, the Russian, Turkish and, in fact, every other kind.

We are pleased to learn from him that City Treasurer Paul A. Schettler is steadily improving in health, under the treatment he is receiving at the Doctor's establishment in San Francisco. He thinks that in about four months he will be almost recovered.

**In Tennessee.**—We have perused a letter, dated at Nashville, Tennessee, Nov. 11th, from Elder John R. Winder, Sr., on a mission in the Southern States.

Himself and Elder George Teasdale arrived at that place the night previous, from St. Louis. On the journey between those two places a couple of cars attached to the train on which they were traveling flew the track and were demolished, but nobody was hurt.

The two missionaries named intended proceeding to Shady Grove the following day, where they expected to meet Elder Boyle, who has been laboring in that section of country for some time, and where they anticipated being set apart for their several fields, which would be somewhere in Tennessee and Kentucky.

**The Alimony Case Again.**—In the District Court to-day while motions of course, or matters to which there is no objection on either side, were being heard, counsel for plaintiff in the case of *Young vs. Young* moved for an attachment for the defendant to show cause why he should not be punished for contempt in not complying with part of an order of Court made Feb. 26th, 1875, directing him to pay \$9,500 *pendente lite*, in March, and \$5.00 per month thereafter, the present action being with a view to compel the payment of the monthly alimony accruing, according to the order, since March.

The Court asked if the counsel for defendant objected, which they said they did, and the Court declined to entertain the motion, being out of the regular order of business.

**A Pestilent Fellow.**—E. W. Wilson, is his name. Last night he visited the Walker House, went up stairs, knocked at the doors of the several rooms, opened those that

were unlocked, and otherwise conducted himself more or less like a lunatic on the rampage. As the night clerk was assuming his post, in the hall, Wilson accompanied him behind the desk, and as he pulled out a drawer Wilson also tugged at it and insisted on a view of its contents. In answer to an order to "get out," the intruder asserted that he was a detective, that he was going to look into things, and wasn't going to be put out. This resulted in a scuffle, and with Wilson being assisted outside the building in a hurry, and in his being conducted to the City Hall by the police. When there he took advantage of an unguarded moment on the part of the officers and darted out of the building. Forgetting that there was a hitching rail in front of it, he collided with and tumbled a summersault over it. Gathering himself again, he put off, followed in hot pursuit, by an officer. His next feat was to trip up and flop down into the deep mud of the street, nearly causing the policeman to do some "ground tumbling" over his prostrate form.

He was finally lodged in jail, and the circumstances above detailed being brought under the official cognizance of Justice Pyper, this morning, the aforesaid Wilson was mulcted in the sum of \$25. He bore the appearance of one who might have been practising the art of swimming in a sea of mud.

**Missionary Labors.**—We have seen a couple of letters, dated at Kirkwood, Warren County, Illinois, respectively Nov. 6th and 13th, from Elder B. F. Cummings, Jr., to his parents in this city. Elder Cummings is on a mission in the States, to which he was appointed at the late Conference. On arriving at Kirkwood he called at the house of Mr. James K. Cummings, a relative of his, who introduced him, as a relative from Utah, to a number of citizens of the town. The same day, after he had returned to the house from visiting, he was somewhat surprised to find himself waited upon by a Mr. Allen, who stated that an appointment had been arranged for the delivering of a lecture that evening, on "Temperance," in a church of the town, but the committee had learned that the lecturer was unable to meet his engagement, and were solicitous that he (Elder C.) should fill it.

Elder Cummings accepted the invitation, and lectured on the subject announced, for three quarters of an hour, the result being that at the close a number of citizens proffered to provide a hall and pay all other incidental expenses if he would deliver a lecture upon the "Political, Religious and Financial Systems of the People of Utah," which he agreed to, and lectured accordingly, and, in the course of his remarks, took advantage of the opportunity, in connection with delineating the first principles of the gospel, to bear testimony to the truth of the latter-day work. It will be seen from this that the way was opened up for the commencement of Elder Cummings' missionary labors in a somewhat unlooked for, not to say remarkable, manner.

He expresses himself as feeling full of hope, and inspired with confidence in the Lord. He expected to move to another part of Illinois in a day or two, to visit others of his relatives, and thence to Pennsylvania, where he expects to meet Elder Erastus W. Snow, his companion missionary.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, NOV. 20.

**Storm.**—Another rainy and snowy night last night, making three nights and two days.

**Sticks to It.**—Through all kinds of weather that handsome Deseret National Bank Building, the finest in Salt Lake, progresses toward completion. It is expected that the store in the northern end of the building will be ready for occupancy by the end of next week or thereabout.

**Woman's Exponent** for Nov. 15 contains "The Drama of Life," "Cheerful Homes," "R. S. Reports," "Woman's Voice," "Prayer, Works and Faith," "Essay on Order," "A Criticism," "Pursuit of Happiness," "Woman's Work," "Home Conversation Training," "Literary Marriages," "Is Friendship Dying Out?" etc.

**Blazing Up Again.**—The smouldering embers of the lately burned Bank building still continue to flare up occasionally, as the debris